

Chaplain Search

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The application period for the Dean of Religious and Spiritual Life position has closed, but concerns remain among alumni.

Vaccinated Students

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Several Trinity students share their experiences with the vaccination process and why it is critical to register for the vaccine.

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Trinity Announces New Special Opportunity Hires, Provides Data on Faculty Diversity

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Acting Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sonia Cardenas announced Trinity's new special opportunity hires in a document sent to members of the Trinity community on Tuesday, Apr. 6. The College recently hired 10 faculty members as a part of the Special Opportunity Hiring (SOH) initiative that was launched for the 2020-2021 academic year. In an email to the faculty in late June, Cardenas cited the Umoja Coalition's goal to "diversify Trinity's faculty" as a motivation for the initiative.

The new hires include Heather Bennett (Biology), Jordan Camp (American Studies), Elise Castillo (Educational Studies), Chandranil Chakrabortii (Computer Science), Amanda Guzmán (Anthropology), Christina Heatherton (American Studies and Human Rights), Priscilla Me-

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TRINITY COLLEGE, OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY
A summary of demographic changes in tenure-line faculty positions from fall 2020 to fall 2021.

léndez (Language and Culture Studies), Kelly Patton (Physics), Sally Bernardina Seraphin (Neuroscience), and Leniqueca Welcome (International Studies and Urban Studies).

In the document released last week, the Office of the Dean of Faculty indicated that eight of the hires are faculty of color stating that "This progress reflects our commitment as a college to attracting and supporting faculty who represent a broad diversity of backgrounds, including multiple socio-economic and cultural backgrounds and life experiences."

Additionally, the document reported the following year-to-year increases in tenure-line faculty from fall 2020 to fall 2021: 21% to 24% increase in faculty of color (U.S.), 6% to 8% increase in black faculty, 7% to 8% increase in Asian faculty, 9% to 10% increase in international faculty, 18% to 24% female faculty of color, and a 45% to 47% increase in female faculty. Notably, the percent of Hispanic faculty remained stagnant at 8%.

The document also featured the year-to-year increases in STEM-specific faculty: 27% to 29%

increase in STEM faculty of color, 46% to 49% STEM female faculty, 5% to 10% STEM black faculty, and 8% to 10% STEM international faculty.

Regarding its inclusion of STEM data, the document stated that "We highlight STEM faculty to show progress in a division that tends to be lowest nationally in terms of faculty diversity." Also, it was reported that Trinity "has the highest percentage of faculty of color (29%), compared to the Arts (19%), Humanities (21%), and

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Positive COVID Cases Decrease On Campus

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Vice President of Student Success and Enrollment Management Dean Joe DiChristina sent out an email Friday, Apr. 9, informing the Trinity community of the current status of COVID on campus.

DiChristina said that "Test results from Thursday show three new cases since our Wednesday update. Five students have cleared isolation today, as they are not symptomatic and have been in isolation for 10 days." DiChristina explained that when accounting for those changes, "We now have 47 active cases (44 students and 3 employees/affiliates), and about half of those students have chosen to isolate at home rather than on campus." By Monday, Apr. 12, that number had dropped to 26 active cases among students and 3

among employees and affiliates.

This original increase was a modest one, up from 37 earlier last week as the *Tripod* reported on Apr. 5. The number of students in quarantine for potential COVID exposure was 77 as of Apr. 5, however DiChristina's recent Apr. 9 email did not provide any data on the number in quarantine.

DiChristina mentioned

in his Apr. 8 email that "We hope to be able to return to a green alert level next week, but at least through the weekend we will remain at a yellow alert level," with certain modifications to contain the virus on campus.

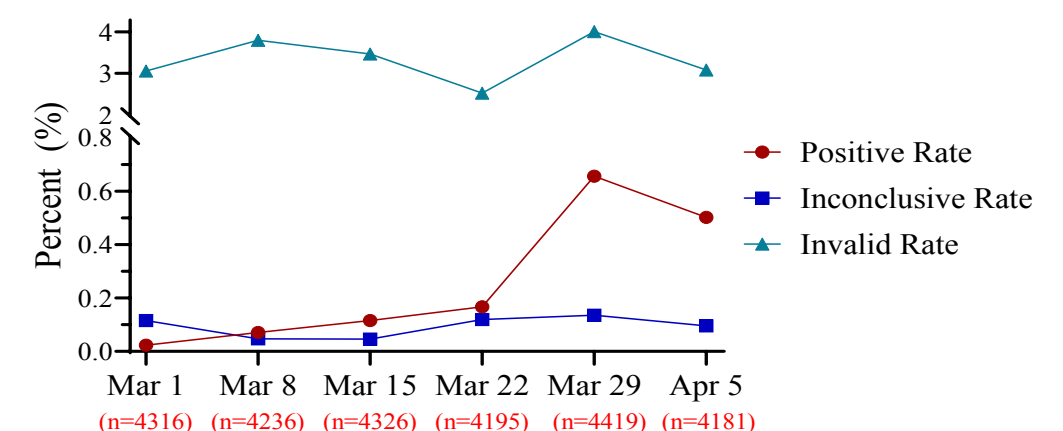
Most of the listed restrictions previously implemented under code yellow remained unchanged, however DiChristina's email

did change the restrictions with respect to athletics. "Athletic teams," the email read, "may exercise in supervised groups limited to 10 participants." Previously, all athletic events, including both games and practices, were cancelled.

DiChristina reiterated to students that "We want you to enjoy being together

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Trinity Weekly COVID Testing Rates: Mar. 1-Apr. 5



The week of Mar. 29 saw a massive spike in the COVID weekly positive test rate, but the positive rate has decreased for the week of Apr. 5, suggesting that the surge is beginning to die down.

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Tripod Editorial

On Data Transparency and COVID-19 Vaccinations

Standing in line at the Xfinity Center in Hartford to receive a dose of the coronavirus vaccine was a rather surreal experience that more and more students have been fortunate enough to live through in the past few and upcoming weeks. The week of Apr. 1 saw a rush of internet traffic to various sources like Hartford Healthcare, the Vaccine Administration Management System (VAMS), and Saint Francis Hospital for a chance to register for a dose. Vaccination centers across the state have been rolling out doses of Moderna, Pfizer, and Johnson & Johnson, so why haven't we received any other information on what to do once we receive the vaccine whilst still living on campus?

We were very briefly told in an email sent by Dean Joe DiChristina on Mar. 30 to email the Health Center with confirmation of our vaccination upon receiving it, but ask any student if they have received any word back after doing so and they will say no. Does the College plan to keep track of which students are vaccinated and which are not? One would think so if they were planning to require vaccination to return to Trinity in the fall. This was a requirement that the Community Contract asked of students, so wouldn't the administration want to know who has started to complete the task? It would seem that this would be the obvious avenue, to at least confirm receipt of a student's vaccination record, and emphasize that as an important part of the student experience in the fall semester.

DiChristina also sent out an email recently asking students to fill out a survey on their plans to get vaccinated, with an option to indicate they had been vaccinated already. However, doing so also did not merit any recognition. Granted, we are not saying that students should be "praised" for receiving a dose, only acknowledged so as to ease the minds of others and perhaps release information on the number of students already vaccinated. It would

be helpful to have these numbers presented to the public eye as they become available, but obviously, the College has struggled with issues of transparency regarding COVID related matters before.

The College has struggled in the past with data transparency on the COVID dashboard. Particularly in the fall semester, the dashboard was only updated twice a week, resulting in confusion and disarray when the case totals increased seemingly out of nowhere. To their credit though, the College has improved remarkably in this respect in the spring semester. In early February, the College announced that the dashboard would be updated daily, Monday through Friday, as well as with more information about the alert levels, students in quarantine/isolation, and the COVID situation in Hartford, and we applaud the College for doing so. But why stop there? At any given time, the dashboard only shows the current number of active cases and number of students in quarantine and isolation. There is no historical data whatsoever for any of these data which would surely provide for interesting analysis. Another interesting component of this data that the dashboard does not include is demographic data such as gender, class year, etc. In addition, as data becomes available for student vaccination status, the College should be sure to include this information on the Dashboard if possible—though there could potentially be some legal or privacy concerns.

As more and more students become fully vaccinated, a whole host of new questions will arise. Could a group of fully-vaccinated students socialize without masks? Can fully-vaccinated students have greater latitude for off-campus travel? Should fully-vaccinated groups of students be subject to the same capacity restrictions?

These questions, though just a view, raise serious concerns of fairness and equity and the administration ought to get ahead of these difficult questions before it is too late.

Perhaps the biggest question of all: Should Trinity require students to be vaccinated to attend in-person classes for the Fall 2021 semester? Some Colleges, such as fellow NESCAC school Middlebury College, have required that students sign a health pledge, stating that they fully intend to get a COVID vaccine when possible. Most of these pledges include an exception for medical or religious exemption. Requiring students to get the vaccine to be able to attend in-person classes is the wrong approach.

It is our position that the College should not require the vaccine for attendance of in-person classes, but rather seek to incentivize students to receive the vaccination. The requirement of vaccination infringes on an individual's right to bodily autonomy, and thus Trinity would be wise to ensure that it does not infringe on this fundamental right. Rather than requiring vaccination, the College could instead impose less stringent social and behavioral restrictions for vaccinated students compared to unvaccinated students, while still allowing unvaccinated students sufficient means and opportunity to have a successful in-person learning experience. Admittedly, this is no easy task—devising the right strategies and incentives—though it is essential to make sure that no vaccine requirement is imposed.

To be clear though, we firmly believe that it is in everyone's best interest and in the interest of public health to receive a COVID vaccination, though not at the cost of bodily autonomy.

We would encourage Trinity and its administration to aim for as much transparency as possible when it comes to policies and data surrounding student and employee vaccinations. These decisions should be made swiftly and soon so that all have time to prepare. We also implore the College to not require a vaccination for in-person attendance, and that they consider incentivization regimes rather than compulsion.

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NEWS

SGA Discusses Campus Climate

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This Sunday, following a two-week break, the SGA met to discuss committee updates, moved forward with implementing a Parliamentary position for the SGA, and discussed the campus climate and how to improve it.

The Food Committee met to discuss issues related to the current system in place to keep students quarantined and the meal plans students have already paid for. Currently, quarantined students have their meal plans canceled while in isolation, but these meals have not been reimbursed. Maddie White '22 discussed that the food committee is looking to have a system in place either for friends to safely bring meals to those in quarantine or to have these swipes reimbursed. Also, the committee clarified that students are allowed to swipe in friends who are out of meals, but they must confirm that the student is not in quarantine.

The Student Life Committee discussed current issues facing Trinity's updated Title IX policy. The administration has recently

hired an outside counsel to review the policy. Vice President of SGA Jack Stone '22 explained that, "They've made the determination that all student-facing, student employees should be required to be some level of mandated reporter... which probably isn't what we are looking to do as we just got RAs off of that requirement." This change would affect the stress levels of P.R.I.D.E. leaders and RAs in dorms, and it also brings into question whether other types of student-employees should be mandated reporters. Clare Donohoe '22 also explained that "It's very nuanced... if students should be mandated reporters, if just RAs should be mandated reporters, if no student should be mandated reporters, if all student-employees should be mandated reporters... there's so many layers." Interviews for these positions for next year that have recently begun do not mention the potential changes in the job description. The committee is considering reaching out to P.R.I.D.E. leaders and RAs as well as the larger student body in order to see what students want in their policy.

The Admissions and

Financial Aid Committee discussed the need for admissions to improve the climate of Trinity especially in regard to preventing acts of racism.

SGA President Giovanni Jones '21 opened up the second half of the meeting by discussing the racist incident that occurred on Mar. 22 and racism more broadly on Trinity's campus stating, "As students we have to hold each other accountable and making sure we practice what we preach." Joderick Estrella '22 said, "It does start with us challenging our friendships... it first needs to start with us as a body, and especially with SGA." Joshua Jacoves '23 commented that "we're not going to necessarily prevent a racist from coming on campus, but we can prevent letting them do this," stressing a need for prior intervention. SGA continued to discuss campus climate and the role of students in changing the culture at Trinity. Some of the points included the importance of calling out friends, the College's response to incidents of racism, the need of admissions to maintain funding, and the lack of attendance to cross-cultural events by white students.

Ten Added Special Opportunity Hires

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Social Sciences (23%).

In an emailed response to the *Tripod*, Cardenas noted that "The criteria for hiring all tenure-line faculty is the same. Special opportunity hires refers to the mechanism for recruitment." Cardenas added that, "The criteria we use in hiring all faculty into tenure-line positions is whether they will be outstanding teachers in a liberal arts setting, who value inclusiveness and creativity in their teaching; whether they are engaged scholars whose research and output in their fields will earn them tenure at Trinity; and whether they are likely to be engaged members of the community, who contribute broadly to the life of the college."

In September, the *Tripod* reported that Trinity had planned to fill 18 special opportunity positions—six each year, appointed over three years—based on a July email from President of the College Joanne Berger-Sweeney. The College had prepared to make these hires while a general freeze remained in place over new faculty positions.

In her June email to the faculty, Cardenas noted that the freeze would apply to "visiting faculty and some tenure-positions." Six special opportunity positions and four tenure-track lines (American Studies, Computer Science, Economics, and Physics) were excluded from the freeze.

The same article reported that the administration declined to outline to the *Tripod* in August the criteria that would be used in their hiring process. Professor of Mathematics and Chair of the EPC Paula Russo told the *Tripod* last year that the hiring criteria is an administrative decision and that others "determine whether the candidate meets the goals of the College." Russo also explained that the Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion "makes a recommendation as to how well the proposed candidate meets the College's goals for diversity." Last year, the EPC proposed and the faculty passed, with some disagreement, a change to the Stewart Amendment, which had previously set forth rules for increasing the size of the faculty.

Update Provided on Racial Incident in Residence Hall

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In an email addressed to students, faculty, and staff, Vice President for Student Success and Enrollment Management Joe DiChristina announced that Campus Safety and the Office of Student and Community Life have identified and adjudicated the student(s) involved in the Mar. 27 residence hall incident.

In his update to the community, DiChristina indicated that the College cannot share the results of the investigation as "Outcomes of student disciplinary processes at Trinity are protected by the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), as they are at all colleges and universities in the country."

DiChristina further reported that the Campus Climate Incident Response Team (CCIRT) is hosting a series of conversations with students this week to "give students a space to dialogue about campus

climate." A Community Check-in discussion will be held with Student and Community Life staff on Thursday, Apr. 15 at 6:30 pm via Zoom. In addition, a dialogue about Toxic Classroom Environments is planned for Saturday, Apr. 17 from 12 pm to 1 pm (reservations required).

In an emailed response to the *Tripod*, DiChristina declined to respond to requests for comment stating that "Because that this case [sic] is part of a disciplinary process, I do not have further comments."

In March, the *Tripod* reported on student frustrations after a rotten banana peel was taped to the door of a residence hall room belonging to a student of color on the night of Saturday, Mar. 27. Several students who spoke to the *Tripod* indicated that the incident had occurred in the Jones dormitory.

DiChristina previously told the *Tripod* that Campus Safety immediately went to the residence hall

after it was informed of the incident. The sergeant met with the affected student and interviewed nearby residents to obtain relevant information and identify anyone who may have witnessed the incident. Further, DiChristina noted that there were no cameras in the residence hall that could have recorded the event.

In a Mar. 28 email to students, faculty, and staff, DiChristina, President of the College Joanne Berger-Sweeney, and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Anita Davis stated that "While the specific intent and motivations of the individual(s) involved are still to be determined, the act is disturbing and wholly unacceptable in its apparent targeting of a student of color with a racist trope."

However, students who spoke with the *Tripod* indicated that they were not satisfied with the College's response to the incident.

One anonymous stu-

dent expressed their disappointment to the *Tripod* regarding the College's response: "Their email stated that the 'intentions were unknown.' This shows that our administration is sympathizing with the perpetrator of this action. Not addressing it as a racially incited incident is just playing to the side of whoever did it." Further, the student commented that "Though the school says that they will 'do everything' in their power to make this a more welcoming place, there obviously hasn't been enough done because these occurrences will keep happening until someone in the administration addresses this as a real problem."

Sophomore Class President Jason Farrell, Jr. '23 informed the *Tripod* via email that "while our campus has made progress towards being a safer environment for BIPOC students, this incident clearly demonstrates that we have a lot more work to do." Farrell further added

that, "Regardless of how many DEI trainings and community talks we have, we cannot prevent encountering the harmful views that exist beyond Trinity's walls and the school cannot always control the actions of students. However, the school can control the way we, as students, uphold our community values on campus. I hope our administration is purposeful in its response to this blatantly racist act."

In an emailed response to the *Tripod*, Martin Martinez '24 stated that "No one should feel unsafe or uncomfortable walking around campus or being themselves. Actions need to be taken and people need to be held accountable. The POC at Trinity are no longer going to stand down and let things slide." Martinez also noted that "Trinity's response as an institution now will determine if they choose to stick to the goals and promises they claimed to make during last year's debacle."

Application Period for Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life Ends

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The application period closed on Friday, Apr. 9 for the position of College Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life. The job description was posted on Mar. 5, leaving potential applicants slightly over one month to submit application materials. However, while applications will be considered past the deadline, the search committee noted that applications must be submitted prior to Apr. 9 in order to receive “full consideration.” It is expected that the search committee will begin looking at applications soon, with the intended start date being July 1.

Headed by Dean of Student Life and Director of the Bantam Network Jody Goodman, the search committee was finalized after the job description was posted. Given that the role of College Chaplain involves work with all faiths rather than just the Episcopal community on campus, it is notable that the Roman Catholic, Buddhist, and Jewish faith traditions are not represented on the search committee.

The *Tripod* reached out to Lisa Kassow, the director of Hillel, for comment. Kassow described how members of the Jewish community were involved in the multiple focus groups put together by the administration before it began the search but acknowledged that they were not repre-

sented within the search committee itself. She noted that to her knowledge Hillel had never been directly involved in prior searches and stated her belief that it was not “essential that there be a Jewish representative on the search committee...what I do think is essential though is that there be somebody on the search committee with demonstrated knowledge and appreciation of the breadth of Jewish life, beyond religious practice, including Jewish culture, history, the arts, philosophy, etc.” While emphasizing that everyone on the search committee was valuable members of the community, Kassow indicated that including someone with these qualifications would have been a welcome step.

The *Tripod* spoke to the Rev. Dr. Bob Flanagan '85, an ordained priest in the Episcopal Church and former chaplain at Brooks School. Noting that the job description specified that applicants must conduct services according to “the provisions of the Episcopal Church” while not including ordination in the Episcopal Church as a minimum qualification, Flanagan remarked on the possibility of a non-Episcopalian chaplain, stating “I’d hate to see the Chapel lose that ethos.” He further stated that “as an alum and as an Episcopal priest, it would be disappointing to see the College with such a strong Episcopal tradition not go with an Episcopalian...it

would be a shame because there are many fine Episcopal priests that would make a wonderful chaplain at the College.” Flanagan opined that the chaplaincy is “really not broken. Allison [Read] did a wonderful job and it would be a shame not to honor that.”

Observing the short timeframe of the search for a new chaplain, Flanagan commented “It is really short,” noting that “it can take time to find a really good candidate.” He additionally stated, “I understand from the College’s point-of-view why they want to hire [starting on] July 1 because that’s the [beginning] of the fiscal year with all academic institutions...but it would be shame for the committee to give in to a fixed timeline and not get a really good feel of the candidates.”

Former trustee and Secretary of the College Bill Reynolds '71 similarly spoke of his concerns about the timeframe to the *Tripod*. A member of Trinity’s Cornerstone Capital Campaign Executive Committee, he was also awarded an Alumni Medal for Excellence for his contributions to the College. He remarked that “that’s a very short period” and noted that the search for the last chaplain, the Rev. Allison Read, took “a year and for a lot of positions at the College, that’s not unusual, obviously, looking for a new President, or a new dean, or sometimes even new faculty members can take a long time.”

Total COVID Cases, Number Quarantined, Lower than Last Week

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and having in-person classes. We want you to enjoy the sunshine and spring weather,” however “it is critical that you continue to wear masks, maintain proper physical distancing, isolate and quarantine when directed to, and limit travel to essential, pre-approved purposes.”

DiChristina lastly asked students to “Please remain diligent to these guidelines. Your efforts can allow us to return to level green and remove various restrictions.”

Since DiChristina’s Apr. 9 email, Trinity’s COVID Dashboard has been updated – As of Monday, Apr. 12, the 29 active cases reflected a decrease of 18 since DiChristina’s email, while the number of students in quarantine has decreased by 48 since Apr. 5, both trending in a favorable direction.

The *Tripod* also examined the College’s weekly COVID PCR testing data. The graph shows the weekly testing rates for positive, inconclusive, and invalid results, as well as the total number of tests performed each week. The negative test rate was omitted for scale and clarity.

The slight increase in COVID cases is reflected in the decreased positive test rate from Mar. 29 to Apr. 5, dropping from approximately 0.66% positive to 0.50% positive. The weekly positive rates for the past two weeks (Mar. 29

and Apr. 5) are significantly higher than that of the previous four weeks. The number of tests conducted has remained fairly consistent each week. There is no clear observable trend for the inconclusive or invalid testing rates across the semester, though the invalid rate does appear to mirror the positive rate between the weeks of Mar. 22 and Apr. 5. The mean inconclusive and invalid rates are 0.093% and 3.32%, respectively, while the median inconclusive and invalid rates are 0.106% and 3.28%, respectively.

Since the 13-week semester began on Feb. 8, there have been a total of 74 positive test results among members of the Trinity community.

Trinity is on the higher end of cumulative COVID cases this spring semester, though not the worst. Colby College and Bates College have seen a total of 120 and 119 cases, respectively, this spring semester including both students and employees. Trinity is next highest at 74, though Wesleyan University is not far behind at 68 total cases among students and employees. Notably, Tufts University and Williams College do not distinguish their total cumulative data from their spring semester cumulative data. Last semester, at its peak, Trinity’s outbreak in mid-October impacted close to 60 students.

Intercollegiate Update: News on Nearby Campuses

Wesleyan University

The *Wesleyan Argus* reported a hate incident that recently occurred near campus in a new article on Apr. 1. According to the article, two middle-aged white men in a blue vehicle verbally harassed and spit on an Asian-identifying student at the intersection of Washington Street and High Street on Tuesday, Mar. 30. The incident took place at 6:10pm, “minutes after students concluded a campus vigil for the eight lives lost, six of them Asian women, in the Atlanta shootings.” The article indicated that Director of Public Safety Scott Rohde told the *Argus* that the Middletown Police Department is actively investigating the incident. Rohde also noted that no license plate was obtained for the vehicle, “but Middletown Police are currently reviewing cameras in the area to determine if any useful data can be retrieved.”

Bates College

The *Bates Student* reported that the College is implementing an “immediate campus-wide in-room lockdown” following a rapid rise in COVID-19 cases in an article on Apr. 1. The lockdown was planned to last from Thursday, Apr. 1 until at least Tuesday, Apr. 13. At the time the article was written, Bates recorded a total of 34 active cases and an additional 50 students in quarantine. As of Apr. 12, Bates records 39 active cases. The *Bates Student* indicated that it had received reports of recent on-campus gatherings; however, it was unclear “if this week’s cases stem from those events.” As a part of the lockdown, students at Bates College were prohibited from gathering in small groups in their residence rooms, hallways, and common areas. Additionally, all co-curricular activities were suspended including all intercollegiate and club athletics contests and practices.

Middlebury College

The *Middlebury Campus* reported in March that the College plans to return to in-person classes for the fall 2021 semester. Though the article also reported that administrators said that the College will not be requiring students to return for in-person learning next September. As a part of the College’s announcement, students were informed that they had to sign a health pledge—“committing to getting a a Covid-19 vaccine ‘once it becomes available and when directed by the College, unless (they) have a documented medical or religious exemption”—before the start of the spring semester. The article also indicated that Middlebury plans to offer vaccinations to students and employees in the spring, as well as that administrators are currently in communication with the Vermont state government on this matter.

No Country is a Worthy Host for the Olympic Games

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As the situation in China's Xinjiang province grows increasingly dire, pundits in the United States and beyond have entertained and debated a bevy of questions. Is what is happening in China a genocide? Has the news been dramatized by anti-communist conservative politicians? Or, does President Biden and the Democratic Party need to do more against this international travesty?

It is my hope that readers of the *Tripod* are also readers of world news and are familiar with the plight of the Uyghurs, a predominantly Islam-practicing, Turkic-speaking ethnic minority group living in west-

The 2022 Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing, and another question emerges. Should countries be sending their athletes to Beijing? Does doing so constitute tacit support of the Chinese government?

This question is nearly as old as the modern Olympics themselves, which were first held in Athens in 1896. Throughout the twentieth century, international participants have weighed the pros and cons of sending their athletes to countries marred in controversy. The United States hesitated—but ultimately sent—a delegation to the 1936 Olympics in Berlin. After the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979, President Jimmy Carter withdrew American involvement in the 1980 Olympics

of the Olympics will continue to cause problems for as long as we hold the games. Our critiques of modern-day China or Soviet Russia could even reasonably be expanded to the undeniable and inequitable injustices that plague our own country. 2022 will only continue to bring sports-related controversy, as calls have already been made to boycott the FIFA World Cup in Qatar for its inhumane treatment of the workers who built the city's massive stadium. In a somewhat related story, the MLB has decided to move its all-star game from Atlanta in protest of Georgia's new laws that restrict voting access.

At this intersection of politics and sports, columnist Nicholas Kristoff at *The New York Times* has offered a lackluster solution to the question of the 2022 Beijing Olympics. He suggests in his recent article that individual athletes can take it upon themselves to make their own political statements about human rights abuses in China. For a writer who reported on the scene at Tiananmen Square in 1989, Kristoff has odd ideas about what little-known athletes from around the world will feel comfortable critiquing about China on Chinese soil. Celebrities such as Katy Perry, Gigi Hadid,

and Maroon 5 have all been banned from entering China for reasons including vague support of Taiwan (Perry), racially offensive gestures (Hadid), and tweeting "happy birthday" to the Dalai Llama (Maroon 5). Kristoff's suggestion that

The Olympics should be held in a singular, apolitical location. The summer Olympics could be held in Greece, for example, where the games first began. This would provide a simple end to all debates on controversy as well as limit support of

"It is easy for Americans to criticize China, but it is far from the only nation in the world that commits human rights abuses. This begs the question, is any country really worthy to host an event such as the Olympics or the World Cup?"

Olympic athletes—most not benefiting from the power that comes from "household name" status—should use their already limited platforms to voice their private concerns about the situation in Xinjiang while in Beijing is close to absurdity.

Additionally, the problems facing China—and our American lens that colors our understanding of these problems—are simply too nuanced for the world of sports. It is easy for Americans to criticize China, but it is far from the only nation in the world that commits human rights abuses. This begs the question, is any country really worthy to host an event such as the Olympics or the World Cup?

undeserving governments. This could also put an end to the widespread razing of entire towns to create massive stadiums that sit empty after its two or three weeks of use. In 2008, Beijing sacrificed many of its ancient "hutong" neighborhoods to make way for an Olympic venue. In 1996, Atlanta evicted much of its working-class populations to host the Olympics. There is no good reason for such levels of destruction year after year.

Instead of placing the burden on athletes to issue political statements on highly complex issues, it is time for the International Olympic Committee to pick a spot and stick to it.

"My point is, the always-changing location of the Olympics will continue to cause problems for as long as we hold the games."

ern China. Alongside other minority populations living in China, the Uyghurs have been subject to imprisonment in concentration camps, forced sterilizations, and systemic rape. These human rights abuses have been condemned by the international community as well as both the Biden and Trump administrations.

in Moscow. This political decision has been roundly criticized since. But, by that logic, does this mean we should celebrate President Roosevelt's decision to legitimize Hitler's government and pour money into the Nazi economy back in 1936?

My point is, the always-changing location

Compassion Needed to Ensure Widespread Vaccination

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The time has come for us in Connecticut to make appointments for our coronavirus vaccination, but we must not forget the patience it requires. Of course, there is patience with regard to our own appointments but also in regard to others. Some people may choose not to get vaccinated or wait until they are confi-

those opposed are quite often alienated and unanimously called out for their decisions. I must admit that I have been one in the past to poke fun at these anti-vaxxers and make fun of their essential oil-enhanced life. We must acknowledge that vaccinations, like all medical procedures, produce varying degrees of fear in most people, so we must be patient with those who do not want to get vaccinated

about the vaccine, let them, but tell them that they will have to continue with life restraining COVID protocols if they are to wait. Pressure is not required for ensuring nationwide vaccinations, but there must be value attached to receiving the vaccine—and this value needs to be shared throughout the nation. The value, of course, is going back to our usual pre-COVID lives.

There is unfortunately another branch wherein individuals resist getting the COVID-19 vaccination as part of a political agenda. COVID has become a heavily politicized topic that often means that one radical side takes COVID precautions to the extreme while the other political extreme disregards all COVID safety and continually puts their community at risk. With this, the latter extreme resists getting the vaccination due to their political preference. This is not a political ploy. COVID is a pandemic, not

a partisan invention. Pressure is never required as it will make no one more willing. Instead of telling them about the value of the vaccine (as this will proba-

this explains and compensates for aggression against those who do not want to be vaccinated. This should not be the plan of action. If the situation is so exigent,

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dent in the vaccine. While I for one—like most of us—would like to get the vaccine as soon as I can, we must not forget that not everyone thinks the same way I do.

Vaccinations are a very interesting debate in which

ed instead of calling them out and making them feel alienated. Compassion and understanding are required to get everyone vaccinated. If someone wants to wait until more data is released

bly have no impact on their decision), we should show them what COVID-19 has done to families and businesses. To those that resist getting the vaccine due to their political preference, we must not pressure, but we need to show them the toll COVID has taken on America and the entire world.

Alienation is never the answer to bring about a common, unanimous understanding. Many may argue the exigency of the COVID vaccine and why

should we not instead find a common understanding so that they will agree willingly? Forcing something upon a reluctant party will only build resentment and might result in an anti-vaxxer forging vaccination papers, thereby bringing much more danger to the community. To ensure the safety of everyone, we must be patient and spread knowledge of the value of the COVID vaccine. Patience is needed in all of us during these trying times.

The Threat of the Fast-Food Industry: Its Horrible Environmental Practices Are Wholly Unsustainable

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Regrettably, the consumer price of fresh, healthy, organic, and sustainable foods soars high above that of junk food counterparts. Much of the world's population depends on fast-food eateries. Many people, because of financial burdens, ignore the negative health effects of eating junk food. On top of this, not too many people are aware of the negative externalities that the fast-food industry foists upon the environment. Personally, I see fast-food's dominant role in our society's diet as a substantial threat to our nation's health.

From the farm to the American gut, fast-food joints are far from sustainable. They are even further from being ethical. Fast-food restaurants, with their deeply rooted power in our American culture, are the primary reason that factory farming is so widespread in our economy. Fast-food restaurants demand gargantuan amounts of cheap animal product, and they do not care how it gets there – as long as it is kept out of the public eye, that is.

According to a 2006 report by the Food and Agriculture Organization of

the United Nations, factory farming produces 37% of all global methane emissions. Methane is a greenhouse gas that is around 20 times

harmful bacteria kill fish and disrupt ecosystems. I must admit, if producing as many animal products as possible at the

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more conducive to global warming than carbon dioxide (CO₂). On top of this, the mass deforestation that ensues in order to create grazing fields for livestock and growing fields for feed crop emits upward of 2 billion tons of CO₂ annually, not to mention the large amounts of CO₂ that those forests would have been soaking up but now cannot. In sum, the fast-food industry's carbon footprint, fuel consumption, packaging and food waste, water contamination, and emission of volatile organic compounds are deceptively and devastatingly harmful to the sustainability of life on Earth.

With efficiency as the main goal, “farmers” cram as many animals into one place as possible. These animals produce massive cesspools of manure that eventually find their way into waterways, where their

cheapest cost is the only concern in mind, the factory farming industry is doing the job nicely. For the people who are benefiting from these industries, that is the only goal in mind.

Briefly, let's look at the health implications of a fast-food diet. Fast-food is the leading cause of obesity and is directly linked to depression and other mental disorders. The rate of obesity has been rising over the past four decades and now over 40% of American adults are obese. Despite the new science, the revealing documentaries, and the increased availability of knowledge, we have accelerated in the wrong direction.

There need to be checks on the factory farming industry. At the rate obesity is killing Americans, there ought to be checks on the fast-food business as well. If fast-food is the leading

cause of obesity – the lethal disease that takes 300,000 American lives every year – why has there not been a government push to restrict or more closely regulate the fast-food industry? Why isn't something similar to the ban of televised cigarette commercials happening?

After one learns about the detrimental health and environmental impacts that stem from our fast-food dominated society, one must then consider the

Go check it out sometime.

This is not sustainable. With a growing population, there will come a time when we can no longer clear-cut forests for factory farming. There will come a time when Americans are forced to put health, future, and best interests at the forefront and ditch some current ways of life.

The environmental impacts that the production of fast-food generates should, at the very least, make one

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poor ethics that characterize the industry. Take for example the factory-farmed chicken industry, where chickens are injected with chemicals that force them to grow three times faster than a typical chicken. These alien “chickens” can barely support their own body weight and are crowded into coops to the point that they cannot move. A chilling documentary, *Food Inc.*, exposes the unethical treatment of the chickens and other animals exploited by the fast-food industry.

reconsider. The harm that fast-food does to the human body should make one fear fast-food and wonder why healthy foods aren't made more available for all. The poor ethics that much of our country depends on should make one upset.

In this piece, I have barely scratched the surface. We Americans live upon an unsustainable, unhealthy, and unethical system of food production. Unfortunately, we have not really even begun to face these disturbing facts. We should get started.

Young Adult Vaccinations Essential for Ending Pandemic

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Unfortunately, as temperatures rose during 2020 in the Northern Hemisphere, vacations were cancelled, holidays were postponed, and employment

“Emerging from these developments is a blind confidence in many young adults that COVID will be gone by the summer.”

was limited in preparation for quarantine during the summer months. Travel bans were instituted, states of emergency were declared, stay-at-home orders were issued, and yet that did not stop COVID outbreaks from occurring. The reasons for breaking social distancing and mask-wearing vary, but overall the heat of the summer months forces the public outdoors to capture vitamin D and enjoy the warmer climate.

On the contrary, during the fall semester Trinity

students saw themselves forced into isolation not only by spiking COVID cases on campus but due to the bitter temperatures as well. Forcing gatherings indoors certainly proves it easier to judge when and where COVID protocols are

will be gone by the summer.

Students are filling the quad, planning summer trips, and anticipating the end of COVID, but it truly is a race against time. Currently one-fifth of the population is vaccinated, and one-third has received their first dose, but barriers still stand barring young adults from receiving theirs. While President Biden has met vaccination quotas with urgency, his administration is desperate to allow younger citizens to receive their shots, promising vaccinations open to all people 16 and up by April 19th. However, this

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still excludes those younger than 16 which pharmaceutical companies have advised the FDA to administer. Specifically, Pfizer has pressed the FDA to permit vaccinations in those 12-15 years old which have

shown a 100% efficacy rate.

On top of this, delivery of doses and the amount of time it takes to receive vaccinations and for them to become effective is strenuous work for the nation. With three weeks between doses and two more to become sufficient, vaccinations take time. Additionally, booking and making it to appointments has proven difficult for many, and should become more so as vaccinations open to more of the public. As students leave from college and universities, they can expect a flood of citizens taking up appointments nationwide.

This is why it is so urgent young adults receive their vaccinations as soon as possible and resist typical procrastination common among younger ages. For now, masks are not going anywhere, and social distancing

will remain so long as we continue to be unvaccinated with cases continuing to rise. What is truly disturbing is Americans' resistance to vaccinations and outright disapproval of them. For example, as of Thursday, Apr. 8, nearly 40% of Marines have refused to be vaccinated. It is hard to definitively say just how many Americans will follow in anti-vax ideologies to refuse vaccination, however it will undoubtedly show itself in the coming months.

As millions of Americans continue to receive their vaccines on a daily basis, and doses are permitted to everyone 16 and up, the public's commitment to receiving them will ultimately determine the future of the pandemic. This means a growth of in-person jobs, gatherings, and overall opportunities that have been missed due to COVID-19. Young adults are hoping to reclaim a summer lost to the virus, but the responsibility ultimately falls on them.

FEATURES

Student Spotlight: Senior Economics Major Cassidy Schiff Takes Advantage of Virtual Job Opportunity

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Senior economics major Cassidy Schiff has been taking advantage of the almost completely remote working and schooling environment that the world has adapted to over the past year. Since November, Schiff has simultaneously been taking courses at Trinity and working remotely for a company called Strategies for Wealth. Strategies for Wealth is a small financial planning firm based in Rye Brook, New York. Schiff joined the team at Strategies for Wealth to gain experience in the field, which she hopes will aid her in the near future following graduation from Trinity this spring. While at Strategies for Wealth, Schiff has been working with business support professionals in order to help organize the company's Client and

Pension Lists, so they are cleaned up and ready to import over to the customer relationship management (CRM) software the firm prefers to utilize called SmartOffice. Since Strategies for Wealth is undergoing a long, overdue transition to digital services, Schiff was hired to help make the transition smoother for the firm, as CRM programs hold ceaseless amounts of data and contacts. As a student-athlete on Trinity's varsity softball team, Schiff does not always have much time to spare, which is why sometimes she only works a couple of hours per week. Even working part-time, Schiff is still able to gain valuable skills that she can utilize in college and in her post-graduate career. "If we could take one good thing from the pandemic, being able to work remotely and effectively would be

it," Schiff explained. Because of the remote nature of the job, Schiff can be a full-time student, Trinity athlete, and a Strategies for Wealth employee all at once. "I think we underestimated the ability to use technology before it became a necessity throughout the pandemic," Schiff added. She continued, observing that she has "been able to advance my path toward a career right from my house on campus, so it ended up working out well." Schiff picked up this job in November of 2020. Because of Trinity's three-month winter break, she thought it would be a good idea to apply for a position while she had the time. Schiff initially expected the gig to follow a hybrid model while she was off from classes, but that changed when the spread of COVID-19 showed no signs of slowing down. "It was supposed to

be a combination of virtual and in-person work. That got switched to strictly virtual when COVID-19 continued to spread during the winter months so we've resorted to mostly emailing in terms of communicating," Schiff mentioned. As expected, it was not easy to get acclimated to a virtual work environment, especially when Schiff was not able to meet and discuss with coworkers in person. "It was tough in the beginning to make sure I was organizing their spreadsheets exactly as my coworkers wanted, but once we developed a routine, it was smooth sailing from there." Although web communications can be difficult, Schiff was able to pick up several essential skills during her time at Strategies for Wealth. In particular, she has furthered her time management and prioritization skills, which

are both extremely important when maintaining a balance between jobs, schoolwork, and collegiate athletics. With the combination of Schiff's economics courses at Trinity and this experience with Strategies for Wealth, she is feeling prepared for life after graduation and getting started with her career. "Plus, extra practice in Excel is good for any student, no matter their career path," Schiff added. After graduation, Schiff is planning to pursue a job in wealth management or, alternatively, the financial services industry. She concluded that these career goals of hers motivated her to find an opportunity to practice necessary skills that these fields require. To this point she commented, "I thought any way I could get exposure to the field while I was still in school would be beneficial to post-graduate me."



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Trinity Homelessness Project Takes Campus by Storm

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Led by Kyle Fields '21, Trinity Homelessness Project (THP) aims to support the community of those experiencing homelessness in Hartford by both aiding organizations that help those experiencing homelessness in our community and helping spread awareness, educating others, and advocating for people experiencing homelessness.

Although homelessness in Connecticut has declined steadily over the past decade, the Connecticut Council for Philanthropy estimates that Hartford currently has around 500 people experiencing homelessness on any given day. To put the cost of housing in Hartford in perspective, the fair market monthly cost of a two-bedroom apartment in Metro Hartford is around \$1,194, which means that a renter would need to make at least a consistent \$22.97 an hour to live there, according to a National Low-Income Housing Coalition report. Vy Phan '18 began THP as a way to address the needs of those experiencing homelessness in Hartford while also creating an opportunity for Trinity stu-

dents to better connect with the Hartford community.

Fields joined the club upon its creation as a freshman eager to engage with the Hartford community. Although Trinity College emphasizes its location within an urban setting and relationship with the community, many students graduate without ever developing a true connection with the campus' neighbors. Fields found that THP provides a positive opportunity to go beyond Trinity's grounds and get in touch with those around him. "My favorite part about THP is meeting people and getting to know them on a person-to-person basis," Fields explained.

During his sophomore year, Fields helped someone transition from a shelter by carrying clunky furniture up the four flights of narrow stairs to this man's new apartment. Rather than just having a simple exchange, moving the furniture into the apartment and leaving, Fields and the other THP members sat and conversed with the man they were helping for a while. "We were just talking about life," Fields commented. "He told us about himself and we told him about us." For Fields, THP is all

about being personable and having the opportunity to know people and understand the lives of those experiencing homelessness in Hartford, along with learning what he can do to help.

This semester, Fields has put together an informal guest speaker series for club meetings. Although THP is restricted in what they can help with off campus and in-person during the pandemic, Fields strives to maintain the partnerships THP has with many of the local organizations by asking those involved in the organizations to speak as a part of these virtual club meetings. Hands on Hartford, Footwear with Care, and Journey Home are among the local organizations that THP partners with.

In a typical year, Fields and other THP members would help serve community meals with Hands on Hartford downtown, run a necessities food drive for the food pantry at Hands on Hartford, deliver donated furniture with Journey Home to help foster a home when those who have experienced homelessness move into transitional housing, and help with the annual winter boot drive run by Footwear with Care,

among other things. THP members also attend a Faces of Homelessness event once a semester held by Hands on Hartford, which allows speakers who have experienced homelessness to share their stories.

Currently, THP is holding a menstrual product drive in collaboration with WGRAC, TCBWO, CONNPIRG, and The Women's Network to benefit My Sisters' Place and Mercy Housing, two women's shelters

in Hartford. Members of the Trinity College community can donate menstrual products at donation boxes or donate money that will go toward the needs of the women at these shelters. Donation boxes are located in the Mather basement at the Community Service Office, in the WGRAC Office on the second floor of Mather, and at 47 Crescent Street. Monetary donations can be sent by Venmo to @trincollHP.



Trinity Students Speak on their Vaccination Processes

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Students pursuing their undergraduate degrees across America have waited patiently to get the COVID-19 vaccine. Finally, the young adult age group has been getting vaccinated following the elderly population, middle aged population, COVID patients, and healthcare employees. There are three FDA-authorized vaccinations that American citizens have been deciding between which are made by Moderna, Johnson & Johnson, and Pfizer. According to the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Pfizer vaccine requires two doses over a recommended 21 days and is 95.3% effective against severe COVID-19 cases. The Moderna vaccine requires two vaccinations over a recommended 28 days and is 94.1% effective in preventing COVID-19 related illnesses after receiving two doses. Both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccine are based on messenger RNA technology. The Johnson & John-

son vaccine requires only one dose and has proved to be about 66.3% effective in clinical trials. The Johnson & Johnson is based on a more conventional viral vector approach. At this point, young adults now face the same choice in vaccine as every other American citizen who has gotten the vaccine.

Trinity students have been travelling off campus to get vaccinated recently. Paola Matos '23 was able to get vaccinated earlier in January, as she was technically a healthcare employee, working in a hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts over break. Matos offered her thoughts on the Moderna vaccine: "I had to get two doses for the vaccine and got them both over the month of January. Luckily, I was classified as a healthcare worker and was able to build up my immunity earlier than people in my age group. I got the vaccine at the hospital I worked at in Lowell, Massachusetts. I got the first dose in January and the day after I got it, my body was very achy. The symptoms subsided the

next night after I got it. It was similar to the flu shot. My arm was very sore, and when I got the second vaccine, the symptoms hit me very hard. I was able to get the second vaccine about 20 days later. The day after I got my second vaccine, I woke up with a fever of 100 degrees. I was super dizzy and then proceeded to throw up multiple times. I was sick for days, but soon I felt fine. After those first few days, I felt no symptoms, and nothing has changed... I still feel fine. It was certainly a rough experience, but I was ultimately glad to help diminish COVID rates in America. I would pick the Moderna vaccine again if I had to," she said.

Another student, Alyce Segal '23, was able to get her vaccination in March, receiving the Pfizer vaccination at Hartford Hospital. After being denied due to her identification as a California resident, Segal presented her Hartford Hospital identification card. Segal, before COVID struck, was able to get some off-campus experience in

the healthcare system, as she sat and spoke with sick, lonely patients. Due to her association with Hartford Hospital, Segal was able to get the Pfizer vaccination in very close proximity to Trinity's campus.

"I was kind of nervous to get the vaccination since I usually have very strong reactions to vaccinations. My arm was very sore for a few days following the vaccination. I never got any COVID symptoms following the first vaccination. However, after the second vaccination, I got very sick for a few days. I am really happy to be vaccinated to stop the spread of COVID and I would do it again if I had to. I think if I were to do it again, I might have taken Moderna if I had access to it, even though I've heard people have worse symptoms with Moderna. They are about the same, but I'm happy at least to have taken a vaccine," said Segal.

Olivia Micenko '23 got vaccinated in New York City and chose to get the Johnson & Johnson vaccine since it was only one dose. "I got

the Johnson and Johnson vaccine at the Javits Center in New York. You can choose which one you want when you get there. You can go online and make the appointment to do so. It was easier to get it then because it had not opened up to everyone in New York yet. The vaccine was fine, and the process was easy and efficient. The military was running the whole thing. They gave me the shot and I had to wait for 30 minutes before leaving. I had no side effects, but it hurt when I was getting it and it hurt for a few days after like a normal vaccine would. Looking back on the vaccination process, I would not have wanted any other vaccine. It does not take long to kick in and it is only one shot. I'm ultimately happy with my choice," she said.

While there are three different choices, no one can go wrong with the vaccine of their choosing. At the end of the day, when each of us get a vaccination, we are developing immunity to COVID-19 and are taking a step closer to ending the coronavirus once and for all.

Arts & Entertainment

The Very Best Spotify Playlists: A Comprehensive List

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Ah, Spotify. As we know, Spotify usually does too much. It’s like an overbearing helicopter parent. They personalize the h*ll out of your profile (is it creepy sometimes? Maybe) whether it’s suggested songs for playlists, or the whole Made For You section where they give you three personalized playlists based off of your listening history in the past week, or the annual Year In Review where they take all your listening data and quantify it into categories like Top Artists, Top Song, Top Genre, etc. The new update now gives you these things in “Past Month” form, but I have many a complaint about the new update (more on that later), so we won’t get into it. Spotify also literally hires people to make playlists for their account which you can follow if you’re looking for something quick and easy or if you’re looking to find new music in a particular

genre or mood. Arguably some are better than others. Not that my opinion matters much but here are my top five favorite Spotify playlists that I think are generally well put-together and worthwhile.

Park Hangs

Their description: “grab a blanket and get the good vibes going.” Terrible description for a really good playlist. Sort of basic, but sometimes basic is good. Lots of upbeat indie songs that work really well comprehensively. You can put this playlist on and you won’t have to skip a single song. Notable artists include: Tame Impala, Joey Bada\$\$, Mac Demarco, Goth Babe, A\$AP Rocky.

Surf Rock Sunshine

Their description: “sunny tracks from Mac Demarco, The Beach Boys, and everyone in between.” A little better than Park Hangs,

but I think their playlist title also gives more context. This playlist is great for the beach; There are some songs that are chill and slow, and others that are more upbeat and will make you want to dance. A lot of songs I didn’t know but am now happy I do, so if you’re looking for new music I recommend this one. Notable artists include: Summer Salt, Babe Rainbow, Tennis, Allah-Las, Unknown Mortal Orchestra.

Rap Caviar

Their best playlist in my opinion. RapCaviar walked so that the rest could run. Their description: “Music from Drake, Polo G, and Lil Tecca.” It used to be better, I think a while ago it said something like “The freshest rap tracks out today.” Basically it’s a collection of the newest rap songs, but it isn’t mainstream in the slightest, it’s always including new, breakout artists and more experimental (yet nonetheless successful)

songs in the rap world. It also has over 13 million follows, if that doesn’t sell you on it enough. I recommend checking this playlist out weekly, they’re always updating it with new songs and they’re never not good. Notable artists (this week): Lil Tjay, Lil Baby, Saweetie, Polo G, Doja Cat.

Pollen

Their description: “Genre-less. Quality always first.” Pretty good description, not sure why the playlist is called Pollen but it does draw the eye so fair enough. It’s a relatively new playlist that’s been gaining momentum because it does stay true to it’s “quality always first” covenant. A lot of these artist and songs I didn’t recognize when I first listened to it and now I feel like I’ve discovered an entirely new genre of music which I listen to constantly. It’s rap-esque, but also R&B-esque, but

also alternative-esque? Genre-less like they said. Will not disappoint. Notable artists include: Tierra Whack, Yeek, Saba, Jorja Smith, Crumb, Brent Faiyaz, and Still Woozy.

Songs We Rocked Out To

Their description: “walk down memory lane with the biggest rock anthems.” Self-explanatory, true to it’s word. It’s more contemporary rock than that of the 60s and 70s which I think is a time in rock that’s sometimes forgotten but nonetheless a crowd pleaser. It’s songs you don’t remember you liked. For example, the first song on the playlist is “Tongue Tied” by Grouplove, which I wholeheartedly approve of and I think sets the tone for the rest of the playlist. Also very good for getting work done. Notable artists include: Third Eye Blind, blink-182, The Smashing Pumpkins, Kings of Leon, Counting Crows.

Liz’s Weekly Bangers: Throwbacks and Such Edition

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“Give ‘Em Hell Kid” by My Chemical Romance

My Chemical Romance’s sophomore *Three Cheers for Sweet Revenge* defies the all too common “sophomore slump” that follows an artist’s debut. The New Jersey band defined the emo genre of the 2000s, embodying the spirit of the era ruled by Warped Tour and Projekt Revolution. The song opens with a sexy bassline before guitars Frank Iero and Ray Toro descend into a fury of guitars. “If you were here, I’d never have a fear,” sings Gerard Way as he laments the album’s story of star-crossed, doomed lovers. “Give ‘Em Hell Kid” is a classic, angsty jam that will have you ready to throw on some eyeliner and black skinny jeans.

“Anxious” by Numl6ck

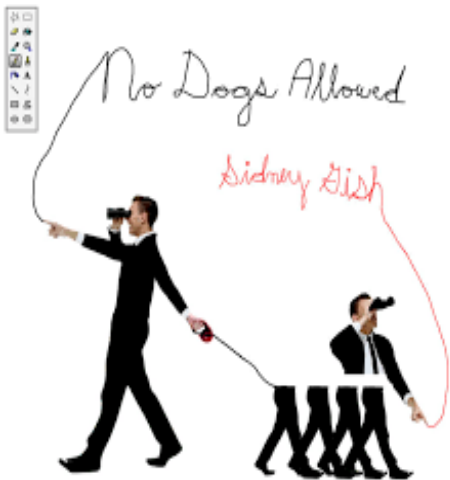
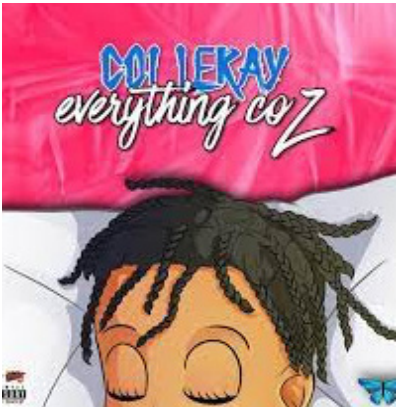
Numl6ck’s “anxious,” produced by victrxw, is a spritely, retro-future bop musing on the repetitive thoughts of its titular affliction. The song, quite literally, beeps and boops with glitchy whistles over a loop that can only be described as “vibey as hell.” He quickly laments over synths and keys that bounce along throughout “anxious.” He squeezes in a bar about running up on someone and popping them with a pistol moments after mumbling, “I ain’t playing like Nintendo,” crossing nostalgia with swag à la South Florida rapper Ski Mask the Slump God. Sonically, the track calls to mind an *Animal Crossing* soundtrack, only emphasis the cheeky gaming references that are peppered throughout.

“Pac Girl” by Coi Leray

Last week, I praised Coi Leray’s newest hit “BIG PURRR.” This week, I offer another smash song from the rapper. She dominates the track, bludgeoning her competitors in fiery bursts with brags like “I don’t do no drama I sit pretty like a bad bitch.” Her energy is infectious, creating the perfect vibe for a joy ride, working out, or reaffirming that you’re just as cool as you think you are.

“I Eat Salads Now” by Sidney Gish

The worst part of turning 21 is no longer being able to fully relate to the line, “I’m 20, washed up already and all I want to do is sit,” on Sidney Gish’s delightful “I Eat Salads Now.” The charming tune is off of her equally lovely LP *No Dogs Allowed*, a collection of indie jams perfect for summer. She reflects on the plaguing feeling of growing up while poking fun at herself. “Bitch I’m wasted, just kidding I’m high,” she sings as a tongue-in-cheek allusion to burnout from her career. This relatable record is sure to find itself on loop in your music library.



Weekly Skylights: The *Tripod* Looks to the Clouds

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April 5, 2021. 6.8/10.

(Left) I look at the homogenous sky today, the plain blue, and I think of something someone told me once, on a train, about an orange. He said to me, “I’ve started a habit of eating oranges frequently. I eat one with every meal, and then I might have one for a snack, and maybe one after dinner for dessert.” I said I wanted to know more. He went on, “when I eat an orange, I do it very slowly. I used to do it very fast. I never thought about it. When I was a kid, we ate fruit so quickly, I guess to get it over with. I take my time now. I peel the rind meticulously, using only my fingers. I remove every speck of the pith.” I nodded along as he spoke. I was completely fixated. He continued his tale.

(Right) “Every part of the process is incredibly satisfying,” he said. “The whole time I’m peeling and picking, I’m thinking about how delicious each one of those wedges is going to be. All this work I’m putting in—and it doesn’t feel like work—makes the experience of eating beautiful, even sublime.” He paused for that moment, took a deep breath. “I hold the clean orange in my hand and look at it for about a minute, just look at it. It’s a work of art. Then, I place it between my palms and gently separate the wedges into two halves. There’s a heavenly sound as the wedges pull away from each other, like little scratches on an itch.” He closed his eyes and fluttered his fingers over his ears, seemingly attempting to replicate the sound. When he stopped, his face bore an expression of immeasurable disappointment. He sighed and shook his head.



April 6, 2021. 6.4/10.



April 7, 2021 (in the morning). 6.2/10.

(Left) We spent some time in silence after that. I thought he might have finished. I heard him whisper something under his breath. I asked him what he said. He stood up in an instant and screamed, “the taste!” loud enough for the rest of the passengers in the car and likely the train to hear. They gave us startled looks and I felt embarrassed. “I’m sorry,” he said, after he sat back down, “I think of the taste and I become unable to control myself. I have a method of consumption to extend the flavor as long as possible. I bite into the wedge and let the initial burst explode in my mouth. Then I pop the remaining juice sacs between my front teeth, one at a time. I can get a single wedge to last for four minutes.” Needless to say, I was very impressed.

(Right) Like all beautiful things, like an orange, my companion’s tale couldn’t last forever. Our train came to a stop and he stood up to leave. I asked him where he was going. “I’m a bank robber,” he said, “I’m going to go rob a bank.” As he walked away, I remembered my packed lunch sitting at the bottom of my backpack. In all the excitement I had completely forgotten to eat. I called out to him, just before he walked off the train. He turned around. I tossed him the orange from my lunch. He held the orange in his hands and looked at it as it were the only thing in the world. A single tear ran down his cheek. “Thank you,” he said, and then again, barely a whisper, “thank you.”



April 7, 2021 (in the evening). 6.6/10.

SPORTS

March Madness Finals Recap: Tournament Ends with Baylor Bringing Home a Huge Victory against Gonzaga

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On Monday Apr. 5, the 2021 March Madness tournament came to end with the Baylor University Bears taking home the final win!

The Gonzaga University Bulldogs had played the perfect season. Out of the 32 games they played, they had won all 31 prior to the final championship game against Baylor. The Zags would have been the seventh team in March Madness history, and the first since the Indiana Hoosiers in 1976, to go unbeaten throughout the entirety of the season if they could have taken home their first national title. However, tragically for them and any Bulldog fans, they lost in their final game.

Entering the game, the Bulldogs were the No. 1 seed while the Bears were in the No. 3 seed. Likewise, again in the leading spot was the Zags who were leading the nation in both scoring and shooting percentage. The Wil-

liam Hill Sportsbook even listed the Bulldogs as the 4.5-point favorite in the odds of Gonzaga vs. Baylor. However, the outcome was clearly not as anticipated.

On Saturday, Apr. 3, the NCAA tournament continued and the Final Four played their respective games. The Houston Cougars faced the Baylor Bears and lost 78 to 59, while the UCLA Bruins faced the Gonzaga Bulldogs and lost 93 to 90. The latter game was evidently much closer, and the Zags pulled that win off with a miraculous three-point buzzer-beating shot by Jalen Suggs, sending the Bulldogs to the National Championship Game of the March Madness tournament!

On Monday, Apr. 5, Baylor, after not appearing in the championship game for 73 years, celebrated its first-ever men's basketball title. Starting out the game strong, Baylor gained the lead, 9-0, then 11-1, then, less than 10 minutes into the game, the Bears were leading 29-10, marking the largest deficit the

Zags had faced all season.

Despite the setback, Gonzaga was able to cut the Bears lead to 10 by halftime, and to 9 points by the second half. However, this still was not enough as throughout the game, Baylor was simply able to run the ball more, successfully scoring 10 more three-pointers and attempting 18 more shots than the Zags did in the entire game. In the second half, the game only worsened for the Zags as Baylor's lead, which they had cut down to single digits, managed to reach 20. In the end, Baylor won, 86-70.

Baylor's guards were a large reason for the rather soul-crushing defeat of Gonzaga. Jared Butler, MaCio Teague, and Davio Mitchell paved the path for the Bears with a combined 56 points and 12 assists. No surprise here, but Butler was the driving force for the sharpshooting effort that did not stop as he scored 22 points, including four three-pointers, and completed seven assists. This game record made Butler

the first player to score at least 20 points and make seven assists in a men's national championship game since Carmelo Anthony did in 2003 for Syracuse.

Regardless of Gonzaga's almost flawless season, the team still made history as they became the first undefeated team to enter the national title game and then lose since Indiana State in 1979. Now, the Zags have joined many other great

teams that were powerful and undefeated until, in their championship game, they unfortunately could not maintain their perfect winning streak.

The 2021 March Madness tournament was certainly very eventful and shocking as a relative underdog rose up and defeated the undefeated. Congratulations to the Baylor Bears and all those who bet on them!



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The Baylor Bears won the final game of the 2021 March Madness Tournament against the Gonzaga University Bulldogs, who had up until this point played a perfect season.

Upcoming Rescheduled Games...

<i>Men's Soccer</i> v. Western New England University Apr. 16
<i>Men's Rowing</i> at Holy Cross Apr. 17
<i>Men's Tennis</i> v. Bates College Apr. 18
<i>Men's Track</i> at Connecticut College Apr. 18
<i>Softball</i> v. Colby College Apr. 18
<i>Men's Lacrosse</i> v. Tufts University Apr. 18
<i>Baseball</i> v. Bates College Apr. 18

<i>Women's Tennis</i> v. Bates College Apr. 17
<i>Men's Golf</i> at Tufts w/Amherst Apr. 17
<i>Men's Rowing</i> at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Apr. 18
<i>Women's Rowing</i> at Worcester Polytechnic Institute Apr. 18
<i>Women's Lacrosse</i> v. Wesleyan University Apr. 18
<i>Women's Soccer</i> at Pace University Apr. 18
<i>Women's Lacrosse</i> v. Wesleyan University Apr. 23

This Week in Sports At Trincoll...

Trinity College Rowing Community Remembers and Honors Influential Program Coach Larry Gluckman

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On Mar. 30, 2021, the rowing community and Trinity College lost Larry Gluckman, an amazing former coach of the program, who passed away at the age of 74 to Leukemia. His rowing career is quite astonishing, and a testament for others to live by. He began his career as a walk-on at Northeastern, which is a highly ranked rowing school. By his senior year, he was elected captain in 1969, and later was inducted into the hall of fame at Northeastern. He continued his education to earn a master's in special education from Columbia University and then continued on to coach at Princeton University. At Princeton he continued coaching with that same drive and ambition that he had at Northeastern, and his crew won the IRA in 1985.

To say the least, Gluckman is a legend within the community and brought an intensity and high level of performance to every athlete that he had the opportunity to work with. During his time at Trinity, he really helped his crews to excel and achieve an amazing amount of success. At Trinity, he was responsible for winning significant races such as New Englands, the Temple Cup, Head of the Charles, and even the most prized race in rowing: the Henley Royal Regatta. His record at Trinity was astonishing, with 44 wins and only 5 recorded losses across five seasons with the varsity eight. The athletes under

his tutelage are also astonishing. During his time at Trinity, Gluckman once said, "I expect to compete and win at the highest level and to give Trinity athletes the chance to row for elite teams after college." For him, rowing during college was an amazing opportunity, but to shape and impact athletes to continue their career after was just as important. Since then, John Graves '10, Tom Graves '05, and Peter Graves '07, who have each rowed under Gluckman, have continued on in search of the Olympic and national teams with the assistance of Gluckman's coaching.

Through every opportunity he has had with rowing, he has helped the program rise up and set the team on a path towards victory and also encouraged an overall love for the sport. Coach Kevin MacDermott, who had the opportunity to work closely with Gluckman through the years, stated "on a daily basis, Larry challenged athletes to expand their limits, to push beyond all preexisting physical and mental boundaries. On a larger, yearly basis, he pushed athletes to reset their expectations to encompass large and audacious goals. Larry pushed himself to be excellent and he expected the same from the athletes on the team... One of the mantras that Larry would love to say about crew is that it requires 'werc' you can not have crew without the 'werc,' and that is exactly what he was able to achieve within his athletes. He had a way of working with people that brought

out the best in them as an athlete." Despite the intensity of a piece or how mentally or physically exhausting it was, Gluckman had a unique ability to make athletes strive for more even during their weak moments.

Towards the end of his life, he did a lot of work with Craftsbury rowing center in Vermont and helped develop a strong program that has produced incredible athletes always giving 100% effort to whatever he was involved in. Dan Roock, a former coach with Gluckman at Princeton and Craftsbury, told the *Tri-pod* that "Larry Gluckman spoke of leaving a place better off because of your being there; he just did that for the world." It is almost impossible to interact with the sport of rowing and not hear about Coach Gluckman. He transformed programs and put crews on the map all unselfishly, quietly, and modestly. Quite frankly, the state and growth of U.S. rowing would not have been as successful over the years if it were not for the assistance of Larry Gluckman. He brought so many opportunities to so many people and shared that love of the sport with others.

His last project was focused on alum John Graves as he approached qualifications for the Olympics. Throughout their time at Trinity and beyond, the Graves family has always stayed close with Gluckman. Alumnus Peter Graves stated that Gluckman "always joked with me that his coaching came with a 'lifetime warranty,' and he really meant it. His rules: 1) nothing

will work unless we do 2) do more than expected 3) leave the place better than you found it." No doubt the Graves family is a testament of Gluckman's ability as a coach, assisting them with qualifiers, nationals, and even training for the Olympics. From what we have seen from the community and the legacy that he left behind, Gluckman's ideology and lessons truly do come with a "lifetime warranty" as his impact on the sport is tremendous.

Gluckman's approach to rowing has in many ways improved how others approach all aspects of their life with a little more work, doing more than expected, and leaving an impact on whatever you're involved with. Gluckman was signed up to be John Graves' coach

at the final Olympic qualifier and was down in Florida cheering him on until his illness prevented him. However, he left John with a message: "Larry wants to make sure that John is taken care of for racing in Europe and beyond. He wants to make sure that he keeps focused on his goal and that he loves him."

He left the rowing community with a passion and intensity for work and excellence that everyone carries with them today and will continue to make efforts as they strides towards a higher level of rowing. To say the least, Larry Gluckman was incredible and the impact he has had on the sport is nothing short of the drive for excellence that many will try to achieve and emulate.



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Tom Graves '05, Peter Graves '07, and former Trinity College Rowing coach and program head Larry Gluckman stood awaiting return of John Graves '10 from the race course.



Coming Up for Bantam Sports:

Fri.

Men's Soccer v. Western New England
University @ 7 pm

Sat.

Baseball v. Bates College @ 1 pm
and 3:30 pm

Women's Volleyball v. University of Saint
Joseph @ 1 pm

